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My Dear Mr. Watson:

I do not believe that the large
 Pyrus leaves belong with the flowering speci-
 men. I have leaves of that species, from
 vigorous shoots and they are very different
 from the ones on the sheet.

I am aware that our phum of-
 fera fine field for investigation, and I
 have been at them for over a year. I have

a very large collection. Many varieties
of various species are cultivated and
some 40 or 50 of them I am growing.
I shall soon visit one of the largest col-
lections in existence, in Maryland. I
shall publish upon them this fall.

Near the road, between the greenhouse
and the gardener's cottage, in your gardens,
is a small bush labelled *Prunus Texana*. I
should like very much to have a dried speci-
men from it and to know anything
about its history.

Yours truly,
J. H. Bailey